IHS-Approved Residencies and Training Programs

REQUIRED TRAINING PROGRAMS			
Health Profession	Residency/Post-Graduate Clinical Training Program	Total Years of Approved Deferment	
Physician	Emergency Medicine Family Practice General Internal Medicine General Pediatrics	3 years	
	Anesthesiology Emergency Medicine General Psychiatry Internal Medicine/Family Practice Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Obstetrics/Gynecology	4 years	
	Family Practice/Psychiatry General Surgery Internal Medicine/Psychiatry	5 years	
Social Work	Practice under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker	3 years	
Clinical Psychology	Practice under the supervision of a licensed clinical psychologist	3 years	
Podiatrists	Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) approved podiatric medicine and surgery residency	3 years	

OPTIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS		
Health Profession	Residency/Post-Graduate Clinical Training Program	Total Years of Approved Deferment
Dentistry	Advanced Education Program in General Dentistry (AEGD) or General Practice Residency (GPR) accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA) Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)	1 year
Nursing	Training programs emphasizing clinical outpatient (OPD), inpatient (IPD) and/or emergency (ERD) nursing skills	1 year
Optometry	Ocular Disease/Pathology Primary Care Optometry	1 year
Pharmacy	IHS Residency Program, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Residency Program or American Pharmacists Association (APhA) accredited Post-Graduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency Program (Hospital, Community or Managed Care only)	1 year



